(a) whether the Government have received proposals/ suggestions for abrogating Article 370 and the utility of the Article in the present circumstances; and

(b) if so, the decision of the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) Views have been expressed from time to time, in some quarters that Article 370 should be rogated.

(b) The Government do not propose to amend or abrogate Article 370 of the Constitution.

[English]

Fake Citizenship Certificate

4913. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the issuance of the fake citizenship certificates to the Bangladeshi nationals with MBBS degrees by certain border districts officials to enable them to secure jobs in the country;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted by the Government to identify the officials involved in the issuance of fake citizenship certificates to the Bangladeshi nationals;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Commercialization of Agriculture

4914. SHRI NITISH KUMAR:
DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new schemes have been introduced by the Government to encourage the cultivation of more economical crops so that agriculture is commercialized in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of these schemes and the names of the agricultural products whose cultivation is to be encouraged?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING)(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) There is no new scheme to "commercialise agriculture" in the country. However some schemes for the promotion of horticultural crops, other than foodgrains and cash crops, have been introduced during the Eighth Five Year Plan. A Statement in this regard is attached.

STATEMENT

New Schemes for Promotion of More Economical Crops during VIII Plan

The details of the new schemes started during the VIII Five year Plan for promotion of horticultural crops are as under:

	Names of schemes	Activities taken up under the scheme	VIII Plan outlay (Rs. in crore)
	1	2	3
(1)	Commercial Flouriculture	Setting up of nodal centres for introduction of new varieties, their multiplication and supply of planting material, training centres for post-harvest handling of cut flowers and area expansion.	10.00
(2)	Promoting cultivation of root and tuber crops	Introduction of improved technology and setting up of tissue culture units	2.50
(3)	Mushroom cultivation	Setting up of spawn production units, pasturized compost units and training	10.00